

CAMPFIRE OF THE GRAND ARMY

Speakers From New London, Montville and This City Entertain the Veterans and Their Friends—Incorporating the Grand Army.

A good time can always be anticipated when an invitation is received for a campfire of the Grand Army post, No. 1, G. A. R., and that of Friday night was no exception. The program was thoroughly enjoyed from start to finish. The supper, speakers and music being included.

Commander Henry Hovey is in Montville at the present time at the home of his daughter, and a card received from there on Friday stated that he was suffering from rheumatism, but he hoped to leave that there when he started north. The evening's exercises were therefore presided over by Vice Commander Orrin M. Price, and he demonstrated that the reins were left in capable hands.

At 7:30 o'clock in the large hall the tables were set with tempting eatables, and, following grace, full justice was done to the menu by the veterans and their guests, who included members of the Citizens' Corps, Sons of Veterans, and Woman's Relief Corps. Acting Commander Price and the speakers of the evening occupied the platform, where a special table was set. Rev. G. C. Chappell, Major H. A. Hull, General W. A. Aiken and Hon. J. H. Barnes occupied the places of honor.

The address of welcome was made by Acting Commander Price, who presented as the first speaker Rev. George C. Chappell of Montville. "Birth and Death" was the topic which he spoke on, and he entertained in a delightful manner by his stories, so that he was roundly applauded at the close.

Major Hattie A. Hull of New London gave the gathering a stirring talk with reference to government, in which he scored socialism, and said that he considered that the solution of the great problems of today lies in the golden rule.

Incidents of the war were referred to by Judge John H. Barnes in his talk to the veterans and guests, and he spoke with his usual interest and vim.

He brought up many of the war scenes and had the veterans living over the scenes of '61 to '65.

General W. A. Aiken was the last speaker, and he referred in a complimentary manner to those who had spoken before him. The matter which he had to present was that of the bill before the senate incorporating the Grand Army. He stated that his attention was first called to it by the quartermaster of the post, who thought that the provisions of the bill might affect the property of the individual posts. He thereupon took up the matter with Senator Brandegee and others, and reported that he learned that the quartermaster's fears were without foundation. The desire is to incorporate the Grand Army so that it as an organization can hold property and receive legacies to meet the expense of building the national encampments. There is now a fund of about \$4,000 for that purpose in the hands of the trustees. The matter has been before the national encampment, but it has never acted favorably upon it, but it will be presented again this year, and it is understood the senate will take no unfavorable action until the approval of the national body is secured, meaning that the national encampment must approve before there is an incorporation.

During the evening there were pleasing selections by Edward's orchestra. The supper was arranged by Quartermaster C. F. Gear, assisted by Surgeon Major S. S. Stocking.

FOUR SHORT DEBATES BEFORE YENS SOCIETY.

Followed Business Session of Organization at First Baptist Church.

The Yens society held their regular meeting at the First Baptist church Friday evening. There was a good attendance.

A short business meeting was held, presided over by Mrs. Herbert Willey, the society's president. One name was voted upon for membership and a new name proposed.

The entertainment committee, Walter M. Cowan chairman, Mrs. William Gilchrist and Mrs. Anna C. Swan, had arranged most enjoyable programs.

Four short debates upon important questions of the day were held. Each question was ably handled by the respective sides, each and all were full of hits and jokes, making one of the brightest of evenings.

At the close of each debate a general invitation was given for expressions and opinions, which was responded to most feelingly by several of the men upon the question.

For the question, Which person is the happier, one married or single? Mrs. Will J. Koon took the single side and Walter M. Cowan the married side.

The other questions were: Resolved, That the hobble skirt is preferable to the hoop skirt; and why? Mrs. Anna C. Swan and Miss Elizabeth Park; Do men become henpecked husbands from choice or of necessity? Mrs. Herbert Willey and John R. Galt; Does it pay to wait for the mark-down sale in a department store? Mrs. Hattie Sargent and Miss Nettie Standish.

Melancholy kisses and peycons were enjoyed. An auction sale of pretty and serviceable articles closed a successful evening.

BIRTHDAY RING PRESENTED TO WILLIAM M. MCCORD.

Happy Time Spent at His Home by Party of Friends.

William M. McCord entertained a party of friends at his home on Park street Friday evening in honor of his birthday, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by those present. Six tables of what were played and prizes were awarded as follows: First, Mrs. Signe Beebe, Haviland china salad dish; Henry Colt, hammered brass necktie holder; second, Miss Helen Green, six out glass tumblers; Mrs. Chapman, two linen handkerchiefs; consolation, Mrs. Henry Colt, Japanese bonbon dish; E. C. Baker, Japanese ash tray. The host was presented a handsome amethyst ring by Charles Spaulding in behalf of his many friends.

EIGHTH BIRTHDAY Observed by Harold Billings by a Party of Twelve Friends.

Harold Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Billings of Connell street, celebrated Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock his eighth birthday. Supper was served, the center of the table being occupied by a pretty birthday cake with eight candles. Games and music were enjoyed and a delightful time was experienced.

Those present were: E. Fiske, Dorothy Leeder, Dorothy Parsons, Marion Royce, Frances Beebe, Ruth Bartlett, Raymond, Raymond, Raymond, Thigley, Cook, Theodore Collins, Napoleon Clark and Harold Billings.

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The Business Centre of Norwich

Significant Indications of Approaching Spring

The very thought of Spring arouses the enthusiasm and throughout the entire store the departure of the heavier stocks by the reduced price route is making way for the fresh, new merchandise which we show with enthusiasm. The Spring goods are most attractive and their lightness of texture and freshness of coloring is most refreshing after the sombre garments of Winter. If you are still seeking the heavier articles you can find them at little prices—if you are feeling the call of Spring you can satisfy your longing here.

THE ICE IS MOVING OUT. THE ENTIRE BALANCE OF WOMEN'S AND MISSES' WINTER APPAREL

A miscellaneous lot of Winter and Medium Weight Coats, Rain Coats, Suits, Dresses and Children's Coats. Values up to \$15.00.

YOUR CHOICE SATURDAY, \$5.00

None exchanged or given out on approval.

Women's Flannelette Wrappers

Neat designs in gray and navy blue.

\$1.00 quality.....SATURDAY—Special 79c

\$1.50 quality.....SATURDAY—Special \$1.19

Children's Coats

Broadcloth, Caracul and Corduroy Coats in sizes 3 to 6 years. Prettily trimmed. Values up to \$6.00.

SATURDAY, \$2.95

Colored Silk Underskirts

A small lot of Silk Underskirts, mostly taffeta, the greater part of which are made with silk under ruffles. Values up to \$6.00.

SATURDAY, \$2.98

SATURDAY SPECIALS

Silk Department

BORDERED MARQUETTE—This choice fabric in two-tone effects. Beautiful color combinations showing satin border in three widths. Regular price \$1.25 a yard.

SATURDAY—Special 89c

Dress Goods Department

DOUBLE WIDTH SERGES—All pencil stripe designs. Navy with white, black with white, white with black, white and gray.

SATURDAY—Special 33c

Lining Department

FITWELL COAT FRONTS—An invaluable aid to the professional or home dressmaker. A foundation for a perfect fitting coat.

SATURDAY—Special 11c a pair

Wash Goods Department

APRON GINGHAM—A standard make in all the staple checks. Value 10c a yard.

SATURDAY—Special 5c

CREPE PLISSE—One of this season's successes. Requires no ironing. A large line of fancy stripes, also solid colors and white. Regular price 15c a yard.

SATURDAY—Special 12 1/2c

Art Goods Department

MOUNTED BRASSES FOR PICTURE—Includes Boxes, Book Racks, Tie Racks, Trays, Whisk-broom Holders, Match Holders. All good designs.

FOR SATURDAY ONE-THIRD OFF

Bag and Belt Department

LADIES' HAND BAGS—Leather and velvet in black and colors. All leather lined and fitted with change purse. Values from \$2.50 to \$5.95.

SATURDAY—Special One-half Price

Rich Silks and Dainty New Wash Goods

A riot of color and wealth of airy lightness, overspreading and forcing the retirement of their heavier, duller, cold weather cousins. Like the crocus breaking through the brown crust of mother earth, the gay Spring fabrics are appearing, and for the next few weeks our counters will blossom with an ever increasing variety.

The New Woolens

White is an important feature of the season's novelties, together with the browns and greys. We are showing a varied assortment of the choicest designs and colorings, and new goods are arriving every day.

See the Window Displays

A New Lot of Marabout Boas, Stoles, Muffs and Bags

Choice articles which we are able to offer at prices about one-half that usually asked.

MARABOUT MUFFS

\$ 3.98 values for \$2.75
\$ 5.98 values for \$3.50
\$ 8.98 values for \$7.25
\$12.98 values for \$8.25

MARABOUT and OSTRICH FEATHER BOAS

\$ 4.25 values for \$2.25
\$ 5.98 values for \$3.75
\$ 7.50 values for \$4.50
\$ 7.98 values for \$4.98
\$ 8.98 values for \$5.50

MARABOUT and OSTRICH FEATHER CAPES

\$ 4.50 values for \$2.75
\$ 3.98 values for \$2.75
\$ 5.98 values for \$3.75
\$ 9.98 values for \$5.98
\$11.98 values for \$7.25

MARABOUT BAGS WITH LONG CORDELIERE HANDLES

\$2.25 values for 98c

SATURDAY SPECIALS

Drapery and Rug Department

MATTING RUGS—36 by 72 inches. Both floral and Oriental designs. These are reversible. Regular price 50c.

SATURDAY—Special 39c

AXMINSTER AND VELVET DOOR MATS selling regularly for 50c each.

SATURDAY—Special 45c

BODY BRUSSELS RUGS—High-grade Rugs, full size frame in the 9 by 12 size. A choice assortment of Oriental designs. Regular price \$24.00.

SATURDAY—Special \$19.50

Toilet Goods Department

LAST DAY OF SALE OF ARMOUR'S ROMANZA SOAPS. Violet, Heliotrope, Lilac, Rose. Regular price 15c a cake. Three cakes to a box.

SATURDAY—Special 22c a box

No mail or telephone orders received. 15c TOOTH BRUSHES FOR 10c—Pure Bristle Brushes of good quality with bone handles.

SATURDAY—Special 9c

Jewelry Department

RHINESTONE AND FANCY HAT PINS—A mixed lot of pins ranging in value from 50c to \$1.98.

SATURDAY—Special 39c

COLLAR BUTTON SETS, white backs, four pieces to a set.

SATURDAY—Special 4c a set

Notion Department

PEARL BUTTONS—Fine Pearl Buttons, in good assortment of sizes. Two holes. One dozen on card.

SATURDAY—Special 4c

EASTING THREAD—500 yard spools in white.

SATURDAY—Special 3 spools for 10c

Lace Department

EMBROIDERED BANDS—Fine Embroidered Bands from two to three inches wide. Value 25c a yard.

SATURDAY—Special 12 1/2c

Men's Furnishings Department

NEGLIGEE COAT SHIRTS made of a fine quality of percale with attached cuffs. Stripes designs. Regular \$1.00 shirt.

SATURDAY—Special 69c

WOOL FLANNEL SHIRTS—Blue Flannel Shirts with attached collars. FAST COLORS. Regular price \$1.00.

SATURDAY—Special 98c

Kitchen Furnishing Department

WOOD TOWEL ROLLERS, 35c value.

SATURDAY—Special 19c

Stationery Department

ONE POUND LINEN WRITING PAPER, 50 sheets to the pound. Regular price 25c.

SATURDAY—Special 18c

ENVELOPES to match the above.

A Package 10c—two for 15c

Hosiery and Underwear Department

HARVARD HILLS UNDERWEAR—Women's Merino Ribbed Underwear in white and natural gray. Long Sleeve Vests and Ankles Length Pants. Regular price 85c.

SATURDAY—Special 67c

CHILDREN'S MERINO VESTS AND PANTS—Ribbed Merino Underwear in white and gray.

SATURDAY—Special 39c

Size 2 to 6, value 50c.

SATURDAY—Special 59c

Size 7 and 8, value 70c.

The Ladies' Specialty Co.

Saturday's Special Offerings

We have some good bargains for the closing of the winter season.

Women's Fur Coats, Caracul Coats, Seal Plush Coats and Fine Mixtures.

They will all be closed out at very low prices.

CHILDREN'S COATS, size 6 to 14 years, worth from \$8.50 to \$12.50.—Saturday sale price \$3.98.

Our sale of CORSETS and KID GLOVES begins Saturday.

\$1.00 CORSETS in all the new models at 89c.

\$1.00 REDUCING CORSETS for stout women at 89c.

\$1.00 KID GLOVES for women, all colors, at 89c.

\$1.00 FLANNEL WAISTS, gray and navy blue, at 89c.

\$1.00 LONG KIMONOS, pretty patterns, at 89c.

We have just received a fine line of LADIES' HOSE LINEN, heel and toe, 25c hose at 15c per pair, 2 pairs for 25c.

ROYAL GOLD TRADING STAMPS

given with every purchase at

The Ladies' Specialty Co.

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MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR STATE CONVENTION.

State Executive Committee of The King's Daughters Met at New Haven.

The state executive board of The King's Daughters met at New Haven Thursday at the home of their state president, Mrs. Lillian W. Smith. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m. with the full board, 14 members, present—Council Member Mrs. Smiley of Hartford, State President Mrs. Smith of New Haven, Miss Shelley, state recording secretary, of Windsor, Miss Whitton, state treasurer, of Waterbury; Mrs. Lathrop, chairman of Silver Cross chapter, of Shelton; Council Secretary Mrs. Forbes of Hartford, Mrs. Behrens of Ivoryton, Mrs. Salisbury of New Haven, Mrs. Ewell of Rehoboth, Miss Geier of Norwich, and members of executive committee, Mrs. Blackman of Thomaston, Miss Eaton

of Hartford, Mrs. Rector of Bridgeport, and Miss Roberts of Hartford. A bountiful lunch was provided by the hostesses between the sessions, the afternoon meeting closing at 2:30 o'clock. Business of arranging for the state convention, to be held in October, and other business occupied the attention.

Connecticut Patents.

The list of patents issued to Connecticut inventors for week ending Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 1912, as furnished from the office of E. B. Allen, follows: George M. Eames, Bridgeport, sewing machine; Howard Holmes, South Norwalk, lat punching machine; John D. Karle, Bridgeport, embroidery attachment for sewing machines; Albert Makowski, Meriden, spirit level; Brian P. Maxim, Hartford, silencing device for firearms; Charles R. Phil, Bridgeport, safety receptacle; Albert L. Sealons, Bristol, sheet metal structure; John H. Shaw, New Haven, and F. L. Kimball, West Haven, duplex

cylinder pin-tumbler lock; Henry G. Volght, New Britain, lock, driving belt and communicating door lock; Edgar P. Webster, Bridgeport, pencil sharpening machine; Philip K. Williams, Glastonbury, shaving stick holder; Edward A. Furr, Meriden, design for tumbler holder, dish; Nemes Kalman, Bridgeport, design for shoe protector; William E. Fayers, Thompsonville, design for carpet or rug.

WIFE DESERTED HIM FOR UNKNOWN CAUSE

Divorce is Granted Stonington Man By Judge Shumway in Superior Court. Walter D. MacDonald of Mystic was granted a decree of divorce from Gertrude E. MacDonald in the superior court at New London Friday by Judge Shumway. The decree was given on the ground of desertion. The couple were married March 23, 1898, and MacDonald testified that his

wife deserted him on May 31, 1904, and had never returned or evidenced any willingness to do so. He denied that he had any trouble with his wife and said that apparently up to the day she went away, she had been happy and contented in the home he provided for her. He testified that he secured a box in the Mystic postoffice and attempted to get his wife to send him letters there from Fairfield, Me., where she is with her parents. Postmaster Potter of Mystic testified, substantiating MacDonald's statement. Postmaster Potter said that he lived near the MacDonalds, and that it was a comfortable and, as far as he had ever seen, a happy home. He told of MacDonald's engaging a box at the Mystic postoffice and he said that no letters ever came there for MacDonald from Mrs. MacDonald. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald have one child. The child is with the mother and MacDonald did not ask its custody.

Rev. Dr. Nash at Broadway Theater. The Rev. Dr. Henry S. Nash, who is to speak at the Broadway theater Sunday afternoon, is not only the author of several notable books and a scholar of wide repute, but is also one of the ablest preachers in the Episcopal church of America. When the column he wrote to him, early in January, he had every Sunday engaged up to the last of March, except this first Sunday. He will speak Sunday on the topic, "Finding One's Soul."

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